(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give autonomous status to Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the above, question does not arise.

Hiring of militants by Pakistan from other countries

1142. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 9th April, 1993 that Pakistan is hiring militants and mercenaries from other countries to escalate terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb that;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with that country to put down terrorism immediately; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Govt. have heightened the vigil on international border and paramilitary forces have been equipped with sophisticated border surveillance equipments to check infiltration of these mercenaries into India.

(c) and (d) The Govt. is making all the possible diplomatic efforts to effectively check Pak designs.

Approval to new Bye-laws for collection of property tax by MCD

1143. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has approved new bye-laws for the collection of Property Tax in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Gun licence to Memon brothers from Haryana

1144. SHRI J.P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the Memon brothers and an accomplice Dosa had secured their gun licences in Sirsa in Haryana and got them renewed at Hubli, Karnataka in 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against persons involved in this deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.